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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Airfield and Radio Station Near KOMUNARKA, Moscow Oblast

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. a. No hangars but only corrugated sheet metal and wooden sheds for the storage of material were located at the 10,000-foot airfield, north of KOMUNARKA and of the highway to MOSCOW. There were no concrete runways. Quarters for the airfield personnel and a factory where spare parts were presumably manufactured (possibly an engine factory) were located 3,300 feet from the field.

b. Two small drainage lakes were located on the factory area. A burnt-out church, now serving as a magazine, and a water tower were located nearby. The factory had no smoke stacks.

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c. 15 to 20 drafted German engineers had been living with their families in a shed similar to a cantonment building on the field border since 1946.

d. Turbo-jet fighters were being assembled and flight tested at the field. Description: Mid-wing monoplanes, 16 to 20 feet long, retractable landing gear; torpedo-like fuselage; wings set in the middle of the fuselage.

e. The number of aircraft observed changed constantly. The occupation averaged from 150 to 200 aircraft, most of which were conventional fighters. these

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2. A military radio station, under constant and strict guard, was located in the vicinity of KOMUNARKA. This radio station comprised several wooden buildings and 20 to 25 moored masts (steel structures), each about 80 feet high. Beside the radio station there was a so-called chicken farm which had been established by PWs.

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3. Comment:

a. [REDACTED] confirmed the existence of an airfield north of KOMUNARKA, near NIKOLO-KHOVANSKOYE (37°27' E/55°36' N), and its occupation by turbo-jet fighters, stating that it was about 8 square kilometers large and that it was occupied by more than 100 aircraft.

b. The village of KOLCHARKA is not entered on available maps. The airfield concerned is assumed to be identical to the SAMARSKO airfield, about 7.5 miles southwest of MOSCOW, which is known from previous reports.

c. This first report on the KOMURARKA airfield conveys the impression that aircraft, shipped there by train, are assembled and flight tested at this airfield. Another possibility is that a fighter pilot school for retraining with turbo-jet aircraft is located there.

d. From the described radio station, it is concluded that a Soviet Air Force traffic control station equipped with DFs is concerned.

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